ADVISORY AND OVERSIGHT GROUP | April 14, 2025

Welcome!

Victoria-Saanich Citizens' Assembly on Municipal Amalgamation

VICTORIA SAANICH CITIZENS' ASSEMBLY

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Looking for consensus

Tell us the story of how you have arrived at your current perspective and why you believe this perspective is right for your community

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Review of Session 8 (April 5)

Finalizing the draft report

Affirming consensus

Closing ceremony

- Read out of the draft report
- Reactions from guests
- Certificates & celebration

There was a high degree of consensus among a strong majority of assembly members concerning amalgamation and its perceived benefits.

There were however a number of members who do not support amalgamation.

Our goal is to produce a compelling and succinct report that also acknowledges and attempts to address the concerns of contrary-minded members.

By a show of hands

A. Should Victoria and Saanich:

- Amalgamate
- Remain separate municipalities but pursue opportunities for deeper service integration
- Remain separate municipalities and maintain their existing approach to providing services

B. Do you agree that the draft report appropriately reflects our deliberations and should be submitted to the municipal councils for their consideration?"

- Yes
- No

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Members' report

Thank you for joining us for the presentation of our draft report

April 5 2025 | 2:30

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Introduction

Who we are and why we volunteered

What we learned

The issues we considered

Our values

Our recommendation

Further recommendations and considerations

Indigenous relationships

Climate change planning and resilience

Municipal planning

Service levels and delivery

Police and Fire

Housing affordability

Agricultural and rural lands

Governance and representation

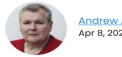
Referendum

Big Brand Sale on now
Sport Chek

TIMES COLONIST

Citizens' assembly recommends amalgamation of Saanich, Victoria; reasons to come in report to councils

The chair of the 48-member Victoria-Saanich Citizens' Assembly says the decision was still up in the air a month before it was released last weekend.



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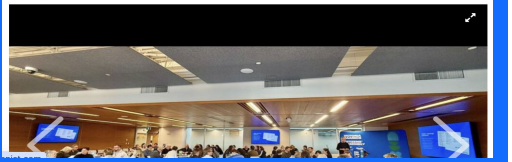

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Citizens' assembly chair says amalgamation could give Victoria, Saanich a bigger voice nationally

by Jeff Lawrence April 7, 2025 2:17 pm

More

British Columbia

Citizens' group recommends Victoria-Saanich amalgamation

Question is expected to go to referendum next year

Kathryn Marlow · CBC News · Posted: Apr 07, 2025 4:09 PM PDT | Last Updated: April 7

CTV NEWS

Citizens assembly recommends Saanich and Victoria amalgamate

By Brendan Strain
Published: April 07, 2025 at 7:34PM EDT

Should Victoria and Saanich amalgamate? Citizens' assembly says 'yes'

By Simon Little & Kylie Stanton • Global News
Posted April 7, 2025 5:39 pm · Updated April 7, 2025 6:19 pm · 3 min read

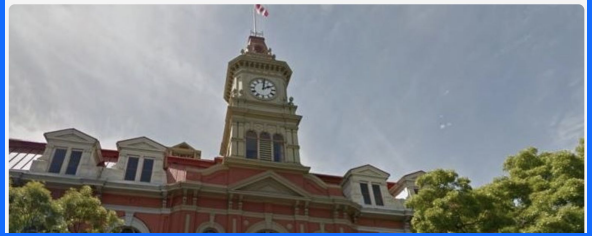
A special citizens' committee has recommended that the cities of Victoria and Saanich amalgamate. Kylie Stanton explains and gets the reaction on the street.

CFAX 1070

"Real compatibility:" citizens' assembly recommends Saanich and Victoria amalgamate

By Morgana Adby

Published: April 8, 2025 at 3:55 PM
Updated: April 8, 2025 at 3:56 PM



Note from the Advisory & Oversight Group

For the final report

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Next Steps

Member review period	April 21

- Clarity and concision
- Minority reports
- Member Profiles

Finalizing the report	May 9
Publishing & presentation(s) to councils	TBA
Administrative reporting	June

Thank you!

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